

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

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**In Re:**

**Administrative Order 14-01**

**Adoption of Interim Local Rule 2090-1**

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The court has determined that amendments to this court's existing Local Rule 2090-1 regarding representation by attorneys for debtors are required and also finds that there are exigent circumstances which justify implementation of these changes by an interim local rule. Accordingly, the court **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1) Local Rule 2090-1 is amended by substituting the following text as Interim Local Rule 2090-1(C).

**(C) Attendance at Hearings Required for Debtor's Counsel.**

**(1) Attendance at Initial Debtor Interview (IDI) and Meeting of Creditors (341 Meeting).** An attorney, or a member of his or her firm, who makes an appearance on behalf of a debtor, must accompany the debtor to the initial debtor interview, where applicable, and to the meeting of creditors. The attorney attending the IDI or meeting of creditors must be familiar with the facts and schedules and have met and conferred with the client prior to appearing. The attorney or firm of record may not use an appearance attorney for either the IDI or the meeting of creditors. If the attorney who has met and conferred with the client is unable to attend the IDI or the meeting of creditors, the attorney must seek a continuance, or, in an unexpected emergency, request appearance counsel attend for the sole purpose of seeking the continuance.

**(2) Attendance at Hearing Required for Debtor's Counsel.** An attorney who makes an appearance on behalf of a debtor, or a member of his or her firm who is familiar with the client and the file, must attend all hearings scheduled in the debtor's case that the debtor is required to attend under any provision of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, or order of the court, unless the court has granted a motion to withdraw pursuant to

Local Rule 2091-1. The attorney may not use appearance counsel for any hearing unless (a) the client consents in advance to the use of the appearance attorney, (b) the client does not incur any expense associated with the use of an appearance attorney, and (c) the attorney complies with all applicable rules regarding disclosure of any fee sharing arrangements.

- 2) All cross references in the Local Rules to Local Rule 2090-1, including any references contained in the official comments thereto, and in all court forms, guidelines, and clerk's instructions shall be deemed to refer, respectively to, Interim Rule 2090-1.
- 3) The Clerk of Court is directed to provide notice of entry of this Order and to update the Local Rules as published by this court to reflect Interim Rule 2090-1.

**ORDERED** in the Southern District of Florida on February 14, 2014.



PAUL G. HYMAN, JR.  
CHIEF U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

c: All SD Bankruptcy Judges  
Clerk of Court